Prescription of Text-Books.

9. *MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Director of Public Instruction has prescribed books that have not been approved by the Text-Book Committee;

(*b*) whether he has prescribed books to classes other than those for the use of which the Text-Book Committee approved certain books; and

(*c*) if the answer to parts (*a*) and (*b*) are in the affirmative, what were the books so prescribed?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The books referred to in the answer to part (*b*) are:—

1. വിജയോദയം കാവ്യം.
2. അംബാദേവി.
3. ജീവിതരീതി.
4. പദ്യമഞ്ജരി. Part IV.
5. സാഹിത്യമഞ്ജരി. Part I.
6. പദ്യമാലിക. Part VII.
7. ബാലകഥാമഞ്ജരി.
8. കുഞ്ചൻനമ്പ്യാർ.

MR. K R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know from the member whether this alteration from the approved books was made on the advice of any person?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Yes.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether that person or body of persons was in any way more competent to deal with the question than the Text-Book Committee?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): The actual prescription of books is left in the hands of the Director of Public Instruction.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) May I know from the member who was consulting the authority whose aid the Director sought?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): I cannot tell the member exactly who was the consulting authority upon each book. If he wants to know for a particular book—

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): Say, in the case of the *Jeevitharеethi* which has not even been approved for this year?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): I have already answered that all the books mentioned have been approved by the Text-Book Committee.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Was there any private intermediary body between the Text-Book Committee and the Director of Public Instruction in the matter of selection?

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MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : No.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether the books prescribed have been approved by the Text-Book Committee ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : Certainly they have been approved.

Admission of students to Colleges.

10. ***MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Madras University has prescribed the minimum qualifications for admission of students in the Colleges ;

(*b*) whether the Director of Public Instruction has issued any circulars to the Principals of the Colleges in Travancore specifying the special qualifications of students for admission in the Colleges ;

(*c*) whether, in the circular of the Director, he has pointed out any additional qualifications for students for admission in the College classes other than the directions of the University ; and

(*d*) whether the Government are aware that the circular of the Director causes serious hardship to students and guardians ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) & (*d*) These do not arise in view of the answer to part (*b*).

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) May I know how many students applied for admission in the local colleges ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : I claim notice.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from the member whether admission has been refused to students in the local colleges ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : A few students have been refused admission.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know the reasons for refusing admission to them ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : The main reasons were, I believe, that one or two were very overaged, and that one or two were not considered fit from various points of view.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from the member whether the University has prescribed any qualification with regard to age-limit for admission to colleges ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : No.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : May I know from the member whether there are rules for the admission of any number of students in the colleges ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : There is the limitation of accommodation.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : May I know from the member the minimum qualification prescribed by the University for admission to the colleges ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : The minimum qualification prescribed by the University is that the name of the

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